

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for sharing an opinion with an online community, the method comprising
2 the steps of:
3 establishing a first connection between a mobile device and a gateway using a first
4 protocol;
5 wherein said mobile device supports said first protocol but not a second protocol;
6 wherein said online community is associated with a server that supports said second
7 protocol but not said first protocol;
8 receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface controls on said
9 mobile device;
10 transmitting opinion data indicating said opinion, using said first protocol, from said
11 mobile device to said gateway;
12 transmitting said opinion data, using said second protocol, from said gateway to said
13 server;
14 storing said opinion data as part of survey results at said server; and
15 transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, from said server to
16 members of said online community in response to requests received by said
17 server in said second protocol.

- 1 2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
2 receiving, through user interface controls on a second mobile device, user input that
3 requests said survey results;

4 transmitting a request for said survey results, using said first protocol, from said
5 second mobile device to said gateway;
6 transmitting a request for said survey results, using said second protocol, from said
7 gateway to said server;
8 in response to said request received at said server using said second protocol,
9 transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, to said gateway;
10 and
11 sending said survey results, using said first protocol, from said gateway to said second
12 mobile device.

1 3. The method of Claim 1 wherein:
2 said first protocol is WAP; and
3 said second protocol is HTTP.

1 4. The method of Claim 1 wherein:
2 the step of transmitting opinion data from said mobile device to said gateway
3 includes transmitting said opinion data over a wireless connection; and
4 the step of transmitting said opinion data from said gateway to said server includes
5 transmitting said opinion data over a network to which both said gateway and
6 said server are connected.

1 5. The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
2 prior to receiving user input that indicates said opinion, said mobile device receiving
3 from said server, through said gateway, previous opinion data that indicates an

1 6. The method of Claim 1 wherein:

2 the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and

3 the stored opinion data is transmitted from said mobile device to said gateway in a

4 batch with other opinion data previously entered by said a user of said mobile

5 device.

- 1 7. The method of Claim 1 wherein:
 - 2 the step of receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface
 - 3 controls on said mobile device is performed while said mobile device does not
 - 4 have a connection to said gateway;
 - 5 the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and
 - 6 the stored opinion data is transmitted from said mobile device to said gateway after a
 - 7 connection is established between said mobile device and said gateway.

6 wherein said mobile device supports said first protocol but not a second protocol;
7 wherein said online community is associated with a server that supports said second
8 protocol but not said first protocol;
9 receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface controls on said
10 mobile device;
11 transmitting opinion data indicating said opinion, using said first protocol, from said
12 mobile device to said gateway;
13 transmitting said opinion data, using said second protocol, from said gateway to said
14 server;
15 storing said opinion data as part of survey results at said server; and
16 transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, from said server to
17 members of said online community in response to requests received by said
18 server in said second protocol.

1 9. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8 further comprising instructions for
2 performing the steps of:
3 receiving, through user interface controls on a second mobile device, user input that
4 requests said survey results;
5 transmitting a request for said survey results, using said first protocol, from said
6 second mobile device to said gateway;
7 transmitting a request for said survey results, using said second protocol, from said
8 gateway to said server;
9 in response to said request received at said server using said second protocol,
10 transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, to said gateway;

11 and
12 sending said survey results, using said first protocol, from said gateway to said second
13 mobile device.

1 10. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8 wherein:
2 said first protocol is WAP; and
3 said second protocol is HTTP.

1 11. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8 wherein:
2 the step of transmitting opinion data from said mobile device to said gateway
3 includes transmitting said opinion data over a wireless connection; and
4 the step of transmitting said opinion data from said gateway to said server includes
5 transmitting said opinion data over a network to which both said gateway and
6 said server are connected.

1 12. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8 further comprising instructions for
2 performing the steps of:
3 prior to receiving user input that indicates said opinion, said mobile device receiving
4 from said server, through said gateway, previous opinion data that indicates an
5 opinion previously stored on said server;
6 wherein said user input is entered as a response to said previous opinion data; and
7 said server storing an association between said previous opinion data and said opinion
8 data.

1 13. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8 wherein:
2 the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and
3 the stored opinion data is transmitted from said mobile device to said gateway in a
4 batch with other opinion data previously entered by said a user of said mobile
5 device.

1 14. The computer-readable medium of Claim 8 wherein:
2 the step of receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface
3 controls on said mobile device is performed while said mobile device does not
4 have a connection to said gateway;
5 the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and
6 the stored opinion data is transmitted from said mobile device to said gateway after a
7 connection is established between said mobile device and said gateway.